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SUBJECT: UK ARMS SALES POLICY TOWARDS LIBYA

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DURING BRIEF CONVERSATION JANUARY 13, TOMKYS IN FCO
INFORMED US THAT WHILE LIBYANS HAVE BEEN INFORMED THAT
HMG IS PREPARED TO SELL THEM TWO FRIGATES AND SOME HAWK
TRAINER AIRCRAFT, NO SPECIFIC ADVANCE HAS BEEN MADE
TOWARD A SALE OF THESE ITEMS. THE LIBYANS HAVE NEITHER
GIVEN ORDERS FOR THEIR PURCHASE NOR MADE FRESH IN-
QUIRIES, AND TOMKYS THOUGHT THE PROSPECTS FOR THE SALE
OF THE NAVAL ITEMS WERE PARTICULARLY DUBIOUS, TOMKYS
NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT THE LIBYANS HAD AGAIN BEEN
INDICATING INTEREST IN SEEKING TO IMPROVE ANGLO-
LIBYAN RELATIONS AND WORK TOGETHER MORE CLOSELY, AND
NOT JUST IN THE FIELD OF DEFENSE COOPERATION.
WE WILL REPORT FURTHER ON THIS AS SOON AS A MORE DE-
TAILED BRIEFING CAN BE ARRANGED.

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